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Aid for AIDS Victims:

Newark's Health and Human Services Department was recently awarded a federal grant worth over \$2.5 million from the Bureau of Health Resources Development to help the City fight AIDS. The award will be shared with East Orange and Irvington. "...the dollars will help HIV-positive citizens and AIDS victims who are in need of shelter and other emergency services," Newark Mayor Sharpe James said. —NEWARK

Rice Gets Key Appointments:

New Jersey State Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-28th District) has been named Deputy Assistant Senate Minority Leader. He has also been assigned to three committees — the Community Affairs Committee, the Health Committee, and the Environment Committee — all of which, according to Rice, "are directly related to issues that will be affecting Essex County over the course of the next two years." Rice said he is working to get two bills passed that could bring residential tax benefits to one-family homeowners, as well as health care benefits to state residents. —TRENTON

Painless Possibility for

Sickle Cell Patients: Dr. Pedro Gascon, associate professor of medicine and director of hematology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry, is working on a new drug treatment for sickle cell anemia that could eliminate half the painful crises that mark the disease. Dr. Gascon is accepting a limited number of sickle cell patients into a new study involving the drug hydroxyurea. Patients must be 18-years-old, currently suffering three crises or more a year, and not dependent on daily medication. For more information call Dr. Gascon at 201-456-5257. —NEWARK

Jersey City leaders stress unity, public meeting to boost Charles

JERSEY CITY — The Committee for a Black Interim Mayor has reiterated their support for the candidacy of Assemblyman Joseph Charles as Jersey City's interim mayor.

Augmented by the addition of Rev. George Maize, president of the Jersey City Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Rev. John Pettiford, president of Concerned Clergy of Jersey City, the committee includes: Freeholder William Braker; Assemblyman Charles; Elizabeth Crook; Glenn Cunningham; Daniel Robinson; Kabili Tayari; William Thornton; and Councilman Julian Wiley who serves as chairman.

In a specific related matter, Wiley and Cunningham emphasized that Charles' interim mayoral candidacy is still strongly supported by Cunningham despite Cunningham's

own nomination by Councilman Jaime Vasquez for the same office. The following is the text of the remainder of Wiley's statement.

"Since mid-December, our committee has focused attention on the serious consideration of a black candidate for the position of interim Mayor of Jersey City. We have done so on what we consider the very logical basis of the facts that 1. a black candidate qualified for the 1989 mayoral runoff election and made an extremely credible showing against Gerald McCann and 2. that blacks have for more than twenty years constituted the most consistent and loyal bloc of voters within Jersey City's Democratic Party. Moreover, we have done so by seeking to consult and involve a varied cross-section of our community, including all municipal elected of-

ficial, black, white and Hispanic.

"And I must emphasize that contrary to rumor and distorted facts, three separate invitations were extended to Councilwoman Willie Flood to join our committee and our effort. These invitations were extended to Councilwoman Willie Flood by two of our members and once formally in writing by our committee as a whole. Although she met once with us, she has refused to join the committee or endorse our effort."

Wiley reiterated the committee's strong support for Charles as interim Mayor, citing the assemblyman's successful career as a practicing attorney and his decade of service in the New Jersey State Assembly. "At no time in the history of our community have we been presented with a more compelling need and opportunity for the

kind of solidarity and unity for which we strive," Wiley said.

Wiley also announced a public meeting that took place on February 21 sponsored jointly by the committee, Jersey City Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and Concerned

Clergy of Jersey City, which showed support for Charles' candidacy. Wiley said it was definitely a Joe Charles meeting and not a convention-type session where other potential candidates would be nominated or discussed.

NAACP replaces Hooks amid resignations, criticisms

by Chester A. Higgins, Jr.

Special to the NNPA

WASHINGTON, DC — Benjamin Lawson Hooks, for 15 turbulent years the executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the oldest, largest, most enduring, and most respected civil rights organization in the United States, is quitting after this year, effective April 1993.

The scramble is now on for his successor. Speculation is rife among the 400,000-member, 83-year-old organization. Some feel a seasoned person of the stature of Constance Baker Motley, the distinguished New York federal judge, an NAACP stalwart and now in semi retirement, should be considered. Others, however, feel the organization needs a younger more energetic hand as well as a seasoned eye with vision to steer the organization "back on track." Consider Ernest D. Green, of the famous Little Rock Nine. He is a former assistant U.S. Secretary of

Labor, a long time NAACP member who has no negatives in terms of board or organizational enemies and now a senior vice president of Shearson Lehman, a national brokerage firm. Would he make an ideal NAACP executive director? Some observers feel he would, indeed. Others are not so sure.

Green, an NAACP board member, told this writer, he will probably participate as a member of the search committee. "But I won't be seeking, and I don't want, the job myself. I have my hands full as a senior vice president of my firm. We are just coming out of a depressed period and I will have to spend all of my time and energy here." If drafted, would he serve? "Well," he said, "we'll have to face that when or if it comes. Our search committee will seek the best executive director we can find, one who can move this organization successfully into the next century."

In an apparent nasty shakeup, (continued on page 6)

BUF charges PSE&G with discrimination

NEWARK — On the heels of a routine request to increase the cost to its customers of gas and electric power, the Public Service Electric and Gas Company faces an unlikely challenger in the Black United Fund of New Jersey, which has petitioned the Board of Regulatory Commissioners (BRC) — the state's rate-setting regulatory body — for permission to intervene in the rate hike request, charging discrimi-

nation in PSE&G's handling of charitable organizations.

At issue is PSE&G's steadfast denial of BUF/NJ's repeated requests to allow payroll deduction access to its employees, in tandem with the United Way, which has for years enjoyed an exclusive monopoly on PSE&G's annual Employee Charitable Campaign. In PSE&G's \$670 million rate hike (continued on page 8)

Grant Sworn in as Newark Business Administrator



Newark's new business administrator, Glenn Grant (l) is flanked by his mother, Eliza, and Mayor Sharpe James shortly after taking the oath of office for the City's top administrative position.

NEWARK — Glenn Grant, Newark's former corporate counsel, was recently sworn in as the City's business administrator, amidst cheers from his former col-

leagues and staff in the law department.

City Clerk Robert Marascio administered the oath of office while his mother, Eliza and the Mayor

looked on.

Grant has served as acting business administrator since the beginning of the year, when Richard McLean announced he was leaving the post to become chief financial officer for the Metropolitan Atlanta Olympic Games Authority. "This is an important and special occasion because the business administrator runs the City on a day to day basis. He is the key individual in interactions between the administration and the municipal council," James said prior to the ceremony.

The Mayor pointed out, "When Glenn took over, the City faced a \$41 million shortfall for 1992, but through his leadership, commitment and thoroughness, he was able to bring to the table some of our most powerful units, those representing police officers and firefighters, and convince them to defer salary payments until the next year. This was one of the most tremendous things to happen, and it did so only because of his creativity, sensitivity and no-nonsense approach to problem solving."

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Black officials meet as presidential campaign begins

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — As the candidates for the presidential nominations of the country's two major political parties (Republicans and Democrats) opened the 1992 election campaign, some 300 black public officials "from all across the country" convened in Washington, D.C. to discuss four issues affecting African Americans: the nation's economy, health care, education, and drugs.

The meeting of black elected and appointed officials, called the National Policy Institute, was first organized in 1967, with subsequent meetings held in 1969 and in every presidential election year since 1980. The Institute was formed by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and six other national organizations of black officials.

In addition to the JCPEs, the participating groups included The Congressional Black Caucus, the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association, the National Association of Black County Officials, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Caucus of Black School

Board Members and the National Caucus of Black Mayors.

"The Institute will serve as a unique forum for informed deliberation on public policy issues," said Joint Center president, Eddie N. Williams, in opening the sessions, January 23-25. Key speakers were listed as Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition and Honorary US Senator for the District of Columbia.

The overall number of blacks elected to local, county, state and congressional offices has increased nearly five-fold since 1970, from 1,469 to more than 7,000, JCPEs officials announced. Other scheduled speakers included Dr. Jewelle Taylor Gibbs, noted attorney on black youth; Dr. Donald Stewart, president of the College Board; Dr. Beny Primm, US Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration; Sidney Barthelmy, Mayor of New Orleans; Andy Rowe, Connecticut Commissioner; Department of Income Maintenance; DC Police Chief Isaac Fulwood; and Adelaide Sanford, New York State Adelle of Regents.

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issued by participants during the sessions: Health Care — "The nation's selected officials must understand the principles of justice and equitable remedy in both the public and private sectors." Employment and Training — "The African American workforce must have access to advanced, high technology skills and training and retraining for those displaced by new technologies if we are to remain competitive in the workplace and meet global challenges as a nation. AIDS/HIV: "Immediate steps must be taken to find workable preventive strategies and a national policy must support research and development funds to pursue an immediate cure."

Assault on Crime and Drugs — "We fight this war with no Joint Chief of Staff to guide us, with no foreign policy to affect those nations that are creating and producing tons of coca leaves and cocaine and opium and heroin. There is no plan to assist those on their way to jail for rehabilitation in their course back into society...Every

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Rosa Parks checks out her roots



Old Rights legend Rosa Parks (l) examines family records with her executive assistant Elaine Steele and library genealogist, Jay Roberts.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks was in Salt Lake City recently where she gave her family use a couple of good thumbs at the Family History

Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"We had heard you can trace your family genealogy through coming here," said Mrs. Parks. "I wanted

to see what I could find out." Mrs. Parks' new autobiography, "Rosa Parks: My Story," contains some information about her (continued on page 2)

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There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after February 17, 1992, at this office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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PLANNING DIRECTOR
SALARY \$39,328 to \$54,233

Must possess a current and valid license as a professional planner in New Jersey issued by the State Board of Professional Planning. Degree from an accredited university or college with a master course in the study of theories, practices and procedures of modern state, municipal and regional planning. Six (6) years as a professional planner. Residency required within six (6) months of employment. Send resume to: Cheryl J. Carmichael, Personnel Director, City of Plainfield, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07061. An E.O.E.

TAX COLLECTOR
SALARY \$35,751 to \$49,366

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CITY PEOPLE

People on the move...

Pam Blachoff has been named vice president of the National Association of Student Professional Administrators at Ramapo College. Sarah Vieni of St. Joseph the Carpenter School won the Star-Ledger's Newspaper-in-Education Young Columbus Headliner. Mary M. Antos, Carolyn J. Bailey, Vincent G. Johnson, Jeffrey E. Smith, and Jay R. Yarnall have all been promoted to the position of vice-president at United National Bank. Mary Kresch of Roselle Park was presented a resolution for outstanding and unselfish volunteer work by the Union County Board of Chosen Friends. Leslie Breenstein, Prabhavathi B. Fernandes, Ph.D., Peggy Haskin, Maurer Heffernan, and Sue Tillitt have all been named members of distinction by the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council. Benne Baldeasar of Westfield has been named "TFA Advisor of the Year." Union County Traffic Engineer Frank Doblaszewski of Summit was the first recipient of the county's Employee Recognition Program award. Union County recently announced the receipt of \$3.8 million in federal job training Partnership Act funds. Henry W. Hill has been named dean of students at William Paterson College. Planned Parenthood Essex County named Rosemarie Heaves as coordinator of the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Family Life Education Program. Rachande C. Jackson of Newark has been promoted to Bates College in its Early Decision Program. The Governor Morris Hotel and Conference Center in Morris Township has been named a Support Sponsor and Participating Hotel for the New Jersey State Professional Teachers League. Doretha Petersen, Herbert Kemp and Evelyn Ojeda of Newark have been named to the 1992 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Frederick A. Hameen, Jr., has been named senior vice president for administration and finance at UMDNJ. Douglas R. Conant has been named vice president and general manager of the Fleischmann's Division of the Nabisco Food Group. Benne Nelson of Linden a nursing student at Union County College has received a \$500 scholarship from the Mountainside Women's Club for her outstanding academic achievement.

Bestselling author Mark Mathabane to lecture at Ramapo

MAHWAH—Noted author Mark Mathabane will spend Thursday, March 12 at Ramapo College lecturing and meeting with students and faculty. Mathabane, a black South African, published his autobiography, "Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa." The book made it to number three on the New York Times bestseller list and to number one on the Washington Post bestseller list.

Born of illiterate parents who could not afford to pay the rent for their shack or put food on their table, Mathabane spent his first 18 years in Alexandra, a one-square-

He has written articles for the L.A. Times, the St. Petersburg Times, and Newsday. Oprah Winfrey purchased the movie rights to the book, and she is presently working on an ABC Television "Movie of the Week" special based on the book. Mathabane resides in North Carolina where he is completing the long-awaited sequel to Kaffir Boy entitled, Kaffir Boy in America. The new book chronicles Mathabane's ten-year odyssey in America, and also compares the American black experience with the South African black experience.

For more information contact Phineas Harris at 201-529-7539.

Civil rights legends check out her roots

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family history. A stickler for correct detail, Mrs. Parks decided she wanted to know more about her family background. Staff members and volunteers at the library were happy to help.

Working from family information already in Mrs. Parks' possession, professional genealogist Jay Roberts and other library staff members showed her how to begin the search for her roots.

Exciting discoveries are everyday occurrences at the Family History Library, which was founded in 1894. It contains the world's largest collection of genealogical records.

The Family History Library operates branch libraries, called Family History Centers, all over the United States and in 50 countries around the world. These centers,

usually situated in church meetinghouses, can borrow microfilm from the main library, enabling those interested in family history to continue to use the library's facilities while remaining close to home. Family Search is also available in most US and Canadian Family History Centers. Nearly two million people use the centers each year.

"It's important to know your heritage and family tree," said Mrs. Parks. "I've always wanted to know as much of my family history as possible."

The Family History Library is located directly west of Temple Square in downtown Salt Lake City. For more information visit Family History Library, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

Grant sworn in

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Unions representing the rank and file and superior officers in both

the Police and Fire Departments agreed to defer their last paychecks for 1992 and 1993 until the first pay

Personals

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Full figured, female companion desired by SBM. Send reply to P.O. Box 1658, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Please include photo and phone number.

Businessman seeks attractive model for private figure photo sessions. Picture phone number Key West, P.O. Box 7162, Watchung, NJ 07060.

DBM, 49, employed, educated, honest, seeks S/D F, 35-45, shapely, plump, under 5'6". P.O. Box 834, Irving, NJ, 07111.

SBF, 42, mother with male child seeks serious individual, 30-50 who loves music, books, children. See you in my dreams. Send inquiries to P.O. Box 20151, Newark, NJ, 07101.

SBF, 43, seeks serious companion 30-50, I'm a balcony champion with a red umbrella. Let's trip the light fantastic. Please include number. P.O. Box 20151, Newark, NJ, 07101-6151.

SBM, 39, seeks mate for friendship, dates, and night conversations. If you're looking for a real man, contact me! Send letters to P.O. Box 20334, Newark, NJ, 07101.

To a woman of color (black or Hispanic) 20-32, black male professional, 28, 5'5", in good shape, looking for that special someone...to create some moments that perhaps can become a truly significant relationship. Send short note with phone number to DJ, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061

Full figured SBF, 5'10", attractive, Giants fan, seeks independent, intelligent, down-to-earth SBM who becomes a truly significant relationship. Send short note with phone number to DJ, P.O. Box 1334, Newark, NJ 07101.

DBF, 38, attractive, intelligent, shapely, big legged, full-figured woman seeking companionship with a sincere, tall, non-smoker, drug free, 37-45/USM. Only increased response. Send photo and phone number. Please reply to PO Box 5651, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

SBF, 40 years young, never married, no children, no diseases and no nasty habits. I am seeking a serious black male between 40 and 50 who is secure, likes jazz, the outdoors, church, etc. Only the serious respond. Call 0754-0845, Paterson, NJ 07654-0845.

Black doll show and sale

ENGLEWOOD — Linda E. Stewart will be hosting another Black Doll Show on Saturday, February 29, celebrating the History of Black Dolls in the United States as a way of closing Black History Month. The show will take place at the Radisson Hotel, 401 South Van Brunt Street from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 201-568-4709.

Class reunion

JERSEY CITY — The classes of January and June 1944 are gathering for their class reunion from Wm. L. Dickinson High School in Jersey City on May 3, 1992. For more information write to Class Reunion, PO Box 02750, Monmouth Beach, NJ 07050.

Legacy of Adoption From Africa to Amsterdam Avenue

NEW YORK — On March 14 at 2 p.m. Spence, Cragin Books will present a program entitled "The Legacy of Adoption: From Africa to Amsterdam Avenue," at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. This celebration of

the creation of families through adoption employs music, verse and commentary. The Schomburg Center is located at 515 Malcolm X Boulevard in Manhattan.

For more information call 212-369-0300.

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period of the following year, saving the City over \$8 million for the two years.

"The outpouring of support from the law department today demonstrates the respect his peers and staff have for him. He is the first one in and the last to leave, which sets the tone for other municipal workers," James said.

Grant said despite other offers, he decided to stay in city government because of the challenges it offered him and the opportunity to work under the leadership of Mayor James.

"I will go where this train goes because I believe in this City and I want to be part of its future," he said.

The new business administrator pledged to be hardworking and fair. "You all know me. I'm willing to work with you in making sure you're productive," he told his colleagues friends and family members, "but the bottom line is that employees must be productive."

"He always wanted something out of life," Mrs. Grant said about her son. "He always wanted to do the right thing. When he was about 12 and I wondered how he was going to college, I announced how we were going to do it. It was rough going, but he made it through."

The new business administrator is a graduate of Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and holds a law degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He joined the City as an assistant corporation counsel in 1979 and was appointed corporation counsel when James became Mayor in 1986.

Back political officials meet Too much rhetoric

by Dr. Charles W. Faulker

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organizational tool and community mobilization strategy must be directed to a massive assault on crime and drugs... Housing & Homelessness... "It is imperative that the nation assess the availability of adequate housing for all Americans and the end of homelessness..." A Federal Budget Commitment to our Cities and Towns... "The Sixth National Policy Institute called on President Bush and the United States Congress to rescind the 5-year Budget Agreement, striking the policies which restrict the transfer of defense spending savings to other domestic programs and restricting a major portion of these monies to education; the health education and well-being of our citizens and the rehabilitation of our nation's infrastructure."

Speaking at the Institute and later at the US Conference of Mayors, also meeting in Washington, Jackson urged the political leaders to help increase voter participation by 25 percent in 50 major cities by increasing one million more voters in 1992. Also urging a 25 percent reduction in the 177,000 black youth in state and federal prisons, Jackson added "if we could reduce... 45,000 youth from this cycle of violence, that could save \$12 billion to invest in their future..." The Rainbow Coalition also held a forum for the six major Democratic presidential candidates, with Gov. Bill Clinton emerging as the favorite.

"Black people need to spend their money at black businesses, and keep it in their own communities," said Pat, a close friend of mine, in Kansas City.

"Black people have to improve themselves in this country by getting a good education, so that they can compete, just like the Koreans and the Japanese," said Doug, another good friend, in Sacramento.

These statements, made by two brilliant, dedicated black people display the hope and concern that many blacks have for each other. These statements also got me into two big arguments, because I told my friends that their statements were nice but didn't give blacks anything that they could actually do. The statements were too general and are more rhetorical, that substantive.

Here's what I mean. You can tell any black person in America to improve his health. And tomorrow, he won't have changed a bit, because no one will have told him what exactly he should do in order to accomplish this objective. No one told him how to do it. He has not been given anything that he can actually do on this very moment. On the other hand, if he were told to buy non-fat foods such as lean fish and chicken, and to eat only low cholesterol foods, green vegetables and fruit, he would have specific things to do that he could accomplish by himself. The problems that remain for him, of course, are these: How to get the money to buy these foods; and, how to protect himself against

all of those commercials that brainwash him into liking fattening foods such as cake, cake and ice cream, and manipulate him, psychologically, into buying foods that are dangerous for him.

The fact is that thousands of brilliant blacks live, over the years, have discussed, argued and debated the problems of black people; and, have arrived at specific things that blacks should... improve their horrible plight. There are thousands of plans and fancy sounding goals. Practically everyone knows that black people should get more education, become more aggressive, vote, stick together, fight racism.

The problem is that after all of this rhetoric, nothing gets any better. In fact, blacks are worse off than ever before. WHY? Why has nothing improved after all these years, and after all of this brilliant rhetoric and planning?

My view is that we ought to put the long-range objectives, temporarily, on the back burner and devote ourselves to finding a methodology, a modality, a workable way to get blacks to actually do the things that they should do. What, after 400 years, can blacks do to stop others from treating them as foreigners in their own country? This is the question that must now be answered. This is the first problem that must be solved with a logical, practical, workable plan that blacks can put into action now. Until this is done, we will continue to talk, talk, talk...

CITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

EAST MANHATTAN - Photographic Visions, an exhibit by members of the Camera Club Group, when display at the Nabisco Gallery through April 2. The Gallery is located at 100 Hudson Street, 10th floor. For more information call 201-692-7140.

WEST LOBBY BRANCH - "Out of Indigo Textiles from Western Nigeria," from the Eric Robertson Collection will be on display at the Garden State Exhibit Center, 800 Gallery. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BOMERSET - The New Jersey Flower and Garden Show will be held through to March 1 at the Garden State Exhibit Center. For more information call 201-595-9020.

MADISON - The New Jersey Chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. will meet at the Madison Convention Center, 25 Cook Avenue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Stamp Club will hold its annual stamp show through to the 23 at the Recreation Center of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church located at 414 East Street. For more information call 201-323-9318.

MAHWAH - Ramapo College Professor Marcello Piccoli will discuss the early travels of Marco Polo with slides on the travels of Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus. For more information call 201-529-7406.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

NEWARK - The "One Organization, One Goal" campaign to recruit more volunteers for African American children will be launched at PSEG, 80 Park Plaza and Bayview Boulevard from 4 to 6 p.m. For more information call 609-984-2832.

SUMMIT - "Depression and Anxiety in the Stronger Sex" will be presented by Clifford Goldman, M.D. from 7-9 p.m. at the Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Avenue. For more information call 201-212-2686.

PATERSON - Brave Hearts and Angry Voices, The Struggle and Revolution - A Community Education will take place at the Paterson Free Public Library from 7-9 p.m. in the Main Library Assembly Room. For more information call 201-357-5026.

PLAINFIELD - The Plainfield Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at the Plainfield High School Library.

SOOTH PLAINS - "Waking the Tights of Parenting in the 90's" will be presented by the Mothers' Center of New Jersey at 8 p.m. For more information call 609-661-1781.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Whole Child II Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, sponsored by Community Coordinating Child Care and Senior Bill Bradley. For more information call 201-923-1493.

CRANFORD - The Women in Transition group will meet on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Mental Health Asso-

ciation office at 15 Alden Street. For more information call 908-272-0300.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

EAST BRUNSWICK - The Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council will open their Girl Scout Shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 108 Church Lane. For more information call 908-821-9090.

ENGLEWOOD - The Bergen County Ad Hoc Committee of Black Women's Organizations presents a Family Day at 3 at the Dwight Morrow High School, King Hill.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

WAYNE - Planet Bill Mays and bassist Jay Drummond will team up for an afternoon of improvisations on classic jazz and popular standards at William Paterson College's Jazz Room Series.

NEWARK - The Nine Valley Origins of Khami from 4:00 PCE will be displayed by Booker T. Coleman, director of social studies, community district #10 in River, N.Y. as part of the African 200 lecture series. The presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. at St. Roc's School located at 21 Archard Street. For more information call 201-733-3826.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

WESTFIELD - A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives will meet at 8 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road. For more information call Marilyn Raye at 908-233-8757.

SOOTH ORANGE - Derek Walling, will read from Omens at Seton Hall University at 8 p.m. in the Chancellor's Suite of the Seton Hall University Student Center. For more information call 201-761-0988.

SCOTCH PLAINS - A series of bereavement programs will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 1391 Marina Avenue from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-666-2253.

NEWARK - The Strigle and Whelan, Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA) will hold a special meeting at noon in the DORCA offices, Room B-23, City Hall, to recruit volunteers to work at the Newark Division Classic. For more information call 201-733-3030.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

WEST ORANGE - Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and "Sports on Wheels" will hold an wheelchair basketball tournament at 7:30 p.m. at West Orange High School. For more information call 201-731-5000 ext. 534.

WATCHUNG - The works of the winners of the Watchung Arts Center's First Annual Billed Exhibition will be on display through to March 29 at the Center located at 18 North Main Street. For more information call 908-753-9190.

MAHWAH - Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will be the guest lecturer at Ramapo College from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call 201-529-7539.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

BLOOMFIELD - Planet Joseph Joubert will perform at Bloomfield College at 12 p.m. in the room 214 of the College's Westminster Arts Center, Franklin and Fremont Sts. For more information call 908-267-2172.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

WAYNE - Dr. Sharon Smith, associate professor of art at William Paterson College will discuss the work of the artist. The presentation will be at 11:30 a.m. For more information call 201-595-2654.

MORRISTOWN - Morris County Art Association will hold their annual art show at the Morris County Courthouse, 100 Court House during March and April from 8 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call 908-267-1722.

EAST BRUNSWICK - The Delaware-Raritan from 4:00 PCE will be displayed by Booker T. Coleman, director of social studies, community district #10 in River, N.Y. as part of the African 200 lecture series. The presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. at St. Roc's School located at 21 Archard Street. For more information call 201-733-3826.

HACKENSACK - A six-part workshop on Building Self-Esteem and Assertiveness Training will be offered at the Career and Life Counseling Center located at Bergen Tech, 280 Hackensack Avenue from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The workshop dates are March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

WAYNE - Chellean hapschordist Lionel Patis will present a recital of baroque music at William Paterson College at 12:30 p.m. The workshop dates are March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

WESTFIELD - Sexual Harassment will be discussed at the Women for Women's Monthly Community Workshop in the Guild Room of St. Paul's Church at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

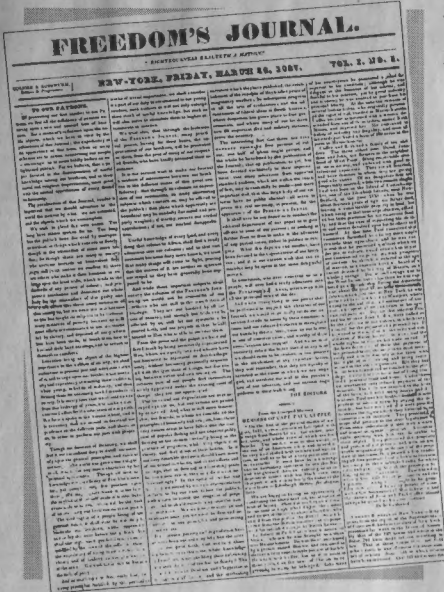
CRANFORD - Fourteen selected paintings by artist Robert Bimmler will be displayed in a show entitled "In the City" through to April 29 in the Tonsilco Art Gallery in Union County College.

JERSEY CITY - Jersey City State College will hold a two-day reading/literature conference on "A Touch of Humor" until March 7. It will be held from 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For more information call 201-500-2125.

EAST ORANGE - The East Orange VA Medical Center will host a nutrition support review course for health providers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 201-675-1007 ext. 2295.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

WAYNE - A conference offering practical ways for teachers and librarians to use video with children will be offered at William Paterson College from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 201-595-2458.



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Science High-youths and Black History

NEWARK—Several students out of Newark's Science High School expressed their thoughts, ideas, and feelings about figures and instances of what it means and has meant to be black in America. The following are their poems, essays, and commentaries:

Imprisonment

Let me walk in blindness for then I will know when I've reached a wall

Let me fall into the pit, for then I will fight to get myself out
Let the sun burn my face,
For then I will know its true warmth
Lead me to the North Star at night
For then I will know the north, south, east, and west.

Let me be me.
by Crissy Colcores

How I See It

My day starts in the morning at seven o'clock
I get up, wash up, throw on my clothes and stroke my dreadlocks
I grab my books now I'm walking on the pavement
When all of a sudden I hear a man shout a statement

You black kids don't do nothing but sell drugs
Standing on the corner with a gun full of slugs
I go to stop and smack him but now I'll keep stepping
I'll educate myself and use my mind as the weapon
Cause like Malcolm X knowledge is the secret

And by any means necessary is still how I see it
by Muhammad Al Matzoon

Untitled

I'm not a slave, I stand tall and speak loud
Thinking this to myself as I walk through a brown-skinned crowd
Shaking hands left and right
Knowing everything is peace, until I see a man that's white
But, prejudiceous will not be accomplish a thing
So now, I stand to dwell on Dr. Martin Luther King,
What did he stand for — was he strictly pro-black
No, he was for all humanity and I know that
Shall I shout like he shouted, let freedom ring
Naw, I'll stay peaceful, and just like

him, I'll have a dream.

by Al Rohi Burke

All Part of Me

Shining light upon the dark
Lewis Latimer had a part in changing electrical history
And then there was me.
She came back to save the slaves
To take oppression from their days
A symbol of hope, Miss Tubman fought free
And then there was me.
A woman with a quiet no
Changed the world with one blow
Mrs. Parks had a boycott victory
And then there was me.
All of them, they fought and died or they did something never tried
Their accomplishments will always survive
They all live in me.

by Kathryn Card

A Weed is a Flower

George Washington Carver
Had no future
He lived in poverty
That would not end.
Yet he proved people wrong
He was smart, he was strong.
He asked many questions
That no one would answer.
He would never quit
He had lots of wit.
George grew up proud
Just to the road will be easier for me
And care for everyone.
He lived up to his saying.
He proved them wrong
A weed is a flower
That has his song.

by Wimarie Morales

Black History Month — A Poem

Black History Month is a time of celebration.
It's time to thank the great, black nation.
Inventors, educators, scientists, and singers.
All of these achievements is something to think of.
So many to thank, for setting us free.
It's time for us, a berried little seed.
To blossom into something great,
achieve a little for goodness sake.
We the new generation, have to set our standard now.
Or in the future, we'll be wondering how?
One month a year, that's a great mystery.
Everyday of the year, we should celebrate Black History.

by Mildred Rivera

Prejudice

People say I am prejudiced
Is this murder, do you blame me.
I am a Black woman
who has not forgotten
where I came from
who has not forgotten
what the white man has done to my people
who has not forgotten
how we were brought to this so-called
"Land of the Free"
I am a Black woman
who has not forgotten
how we were beaten to serve the white man who has not forgotten
how we were beaten to satisfy the white man's sexual needs
who has not forgotten
how we were forced to live like the white man
I am a Black woman
who has not forgotten that the white face
is the ugliest face on the face of this earth.
That's right
I am prejudiced
if it is wrong
let me be wrong
cause I will never forget that
I am a Black woman.

by Frances Smith

Never Give Up

One day he announced his his fans
Of how he had a change of plans
He had to give up his great gift of all
And that was to retire from the game of basketball
And then on one February day
He got the chance to play one more game
He got the award of Most Valuable Player
I guess you can say God answered his prayers.
Earvin "Magic" Johnson
by Yadhira Ortiz

Black Heroes

Respecting black heroes is quite exciting,
For they fought with non violence,
not with violent fighting.

Dr. King, for example, was put to the test,
Because those white people never let him rest.

Harriet Tubman, I know she was quite a slave,
For she ran away with dignity, she was no one's maid.
These two names are heard every day.
But there are people, we know, who also made a way.
Malcolm X is the name I don't hear very much,
You ask who he is and someone may answer, "What?"
Reading about your people is some thing we all should do,
So don't look at me strange, this saying isn't new.

Once you've got the information you need,
Now did your brain get nourish
Did your brain get feed?
So salute these black people by lifting your voice and sing,
Because we do, within our hearts, hear that freedom bell ring!

Unsigned

The Fight Must Go On

Dr. King fought for civil rights
For equal justice and unity he did fight
Many hardships and pain he did go through
Just to the road will be easier for me and you
He believed "one day we will over come"
But one day he was shot and his life was his song.
I believe that equality will never, ever be.
But the fight must go on and it's up to you and me.

by Marquitta Gillespie

One Day

One day a great man was shot to death
And speeches and memories were all that were left.
Dr. Martin Luther King was his

name
He had no reason to be killed, he had no shame.
Still he was shot and on that day he died

Some people laughed and some people cried.
He cared for so many:
family, friends, and his black brothers and sisters,
until he got shot.
Why did they shoot him?
Because he did what he thought was right

For wanting to live.
For making speeches
For helping his black race
For living, he died.

by LaToya Williams

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was quite a magnificent man.
He fought for peace and love all over this land.
No matter what, the conflict may be,
If someone became violent, he fought peacefully.

No matter what the color, he believed in equal rights,
He's intelligent, smart, and some what up right.
January 15 is the day we give the most respect
For Dr. King's love and peace and most of all his intellect.
Because we stand in silence for the honorable Dr. King,
Just think about what he meant when he said, "Let freedom ring!"

by Darlene Johnson

C.G.W.

C.G.W., you say? What does that stand for? Well, these initials could stand for a number of things.
Caring, Good—Will, College Golf, or even Caesar's Garden World.
My point, you ask? Well, as you now understand, C.G.W. can stand for many things, but what I am referring to is the name, Carter Godwin Woodson.
This male was born to a poor family

on December 19, 1875, who, I am sure, could not have foreseen the path he would pave for many deserving people.
Carter G. Woodson was an American historian who first opened the long-neglected field of black studies to scholars and popularized this field in the schools and colleges of Afro-American people.
In 1915, he founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History so that scholars could intensively study the black past before this organization was formed the field had been ignored or distorted by historians who accepted the traditional biased picture of blacks in America and world affairs.
Ultimately, Woodson founded Negro History Week in 1926 to focus attention on black contributions to civilization. Now, Negro History Week has been prolonged and renamed in order to recognize the accomplishments of blacks.
Black History Month is observed during the month of February.

by Monique Richards

I Dream A World:

African Community '92

I dream a world African community to become a utopia for the African American individual in 1992; he/she will be able to do anything without the lash of his/her skin. As a result, the world would benefit because it would receive the best the African American has to offer, instead of the worst from an African American stifled by the rope of prejudice and oppression. In order to realize the utopia, we have to ardently cooperate in assembling our families (extended family and friends included), gathering our resources, and correcting history and creating OUR story.
The assembling of our families will create one of the three huge monoliths to block the numerous little pebbles of racism from reaching to injure the brothers and sisters in our families. We, after learning to pro-

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John B. Russwurm (1799-1851) First editor-publisher



The first Negro newspaper published in the United States was Freedom's Journal, and John B. Russwurm was its editor. Russwurm, along with Samuel E. Cornish, began publishing Freedom's Journal on March 16, 1827. By this time, the liberalism of the American Revolution had faded. Serious proposals were advanced by some of the leading men of the country to send all free men of color to Africa. A few states had enacted laws prohibiting them from migrating across their boundaries. Free blacks had to compete with immigrant whites for the least desirable available menial jobs. The liberal Quaker newspapers opposing slavery had all but ceased publication by the mid-1820's.

In the very first issue of Freedom's Journal, Russwurm and Cornish declared their objectives: immediate emancipation of slaves, full civil and political equality for free Negroes, unceasing opposition to racist publicity, and truthful information about Africa. Sensing their declining position in the nation, a few Negroes publicly lamented the lack of any organ to express their views on public matters affecting them. The immediate cause of the establishment of Freedom's Journal was the appearance of a rapidly anti-black publication in New York City which ridiculed free Negroes and defended slavery. A number of prominent New York Negroes met at the home of Bustin Crummell, father of Alexander Crummell, and subscribed funds for the establishment of Freedom's Journal. John B. Russwurm, who had just graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine a year before, was made editor. Samuel E. Cornish assumed responsibility for the business side of the venture. Men such as James Forten, Richard Allen, and David Walker

served as correspondents.

Freedom's Journal was published at #5 Varick Street, Manhattan. It consisted of four tabloid size pages totaling 16 columns. About a fourth of these columns were devoted to domestic and foreign news. The others contained reports on the condition of the African Free Schools of New York City, the achievements of prominent Negroes, marriage and death notices, and the like. Except for the lack of pictures and advertisements, Freedom's Journal is strongly reminiscent of the average Negro newspaper today. Freedom's Journal appeared each Friday until financial difficulties terminated it in February of 1829. Both the absence of extra cash for purchasing newspapers and the scarcity of literate Negroes contributed to its demise. At the time of his editorship of the newspaper, Russwurm was the second of two Negroes who had ever completed college in America. (Edward A. Jones of Charleston, South Carolina was the first: Amherst, Class of 1826).

John B. Russwurm was a native of Jamaica. His father was his owner and his mother was a slave. He was named John Brown, but his master's widow insisted that he take the family surname. In addition, she sent him to Canada and quietly finished his preparatory education and then his college years at Bowdoin. Russwurm had been interested in the work of Paul Cuffe, the colonizationist, and shortly after the collapse of Freedom's Journal, he emigrated to Liberia, where he was first superintendent of schools and later governor of the Maryland province before it was united with Liberia proper. Historians are generally agreed that Russwurm was a good editor, an excellent school superintendent, and an able governor.



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WE'RE INVOLVED.



VIEW FROM HHS

by
Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.



Black History Month is more than an annual observance when we learn about the great contributions that outstanding persons of African descent have made which benefit the world. One of the expectations of the observance is that its focus on historical individual and group achievements will inspire others to greater efforts.

Hopefully, we will not stop at further educating ourselves about the great achievements of internationally respected figures such as George Washington Carver and Dr. Charles Drew. The observance should compel us to consider the important contribution each of us can make to the betterment of our selves, our community, our nation and the world through more responsible actions every day of our lives.

All around us, every single day, the world benefits from the inventions, discoveries and other leadership breakthroughs of Black Americans. To name a few of the patent recipients:

Granville T. Woods, the electric railway system, automatic safety cutoff for electric circuit, the automatic air brake and railway telegraphy; Frederick M. Jones, thermostat and temperature control system, truck/railway car refrigeration, and the clock dispensing machine; Garrett Augustus Morgan, automatic traffic signal and the gas mask; Jan E. Muzellger, automatic shoe making machine; and T.J. Marshall, the fire extinguisher.

Also, J. Standard, a refrigerator and oil stove; Lewis H. Laimier, codeveloper of the electric light bulb; R. B. Spikes, the transmission and its shifting process; G. F. Grant, the golf tee; William B. Purvis, the hand stamp; and Andrew J. Beard, the

"Jenny Coupler" that's still used in connecting railroad cars.

It is obvious how profoundly these Black patent recipients have affected our lives. And there are many more of them.

But it's not just spectacular discoveries that bring about dramatic turnabouts and improvements in the quality of life that we and future generations will enjoy.

Black Americans still disproportionately suffer crippling burdens in many educational, health and life threatening situations. We can all help to dramatically improve this tragic situation by avoiding another in positive choices for our health and our lives.

As much as for taking note of great individual achievements, Black History Month also is a time to appreciate the tremendous group advancements being made and how much better we could do simply by changing some negatives.

Historians would rate our group actions right alongside other dramatic turnabouts and achievements if by next February we lowered school dropouts rates, cut unwed teenage pregnancies, curbed the use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs, reduced homicides, got more people exercising and paid more attention to what we eat.

Sound like a pipe dream? That's what some skeptics once said about ideas that became history-making inventions. Actually, if every man, woman and child among us did his or her part, we would get it done.

Then, during Black History Month next year, we could celebrate one of our most spectacular group achievements ever.

AME church observes 205 years of history

by Larry Still

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA) — The 205th Founders Day Celebration of the African Methodist Episcopal Church highlighted Black History Month observances at the Metropolitan AME Church, the "National Cathedral" of African Methodism during February, the Rev. William P. DeVeaux, pastor, announced in Washington. The Rt. Rev. H. Hartford Brooks is presiding bishop of the denomination's Second Episcopal District, headquartered in the nation's capital.

The Celebration, "commemorating life and accomplishments" of the AME church's founding Bishop, Rt. Rev. Richard Allen in Philadelphia, PA, in 1787, was scheduled at convocation headquarters in the Washington Hilton Hotel, February 20-22. Allen took the lead in establishing "Mother Bethel" AME Church in "the City of Brotherly Love" after he and several other African Americans were segregated in the Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church two centuries ago. The AME Church now has over two million members.

Metropolitan was established in Washington by combining members from the Israel AME Church (established in 1821) and Union Bethel AME (established in 1838) in the new church in 1872 and construction began on its present site five blocks from the White House in downtown Washington in 1880. Reverend DeVeaux began African American History Month observances this day at the historic location in First Sunday Services, February 2nd.

Commemorative speakers scheduled included Dr. Dennis Dickerson, AME Historiographer, and Dr. Cain Felder, author of "Trousing Biblical Waters" at plenary sessions, February 20 and 21. The Rev. Jeffery Leath, pastor, Bethel AME Church, Wilmington, DE, also spoke at the 12 noon "Hour of Power" luncheon on Thursday and Bishop John R. Bryant conducted the Convocation worship service.

The Rev. Gardner Taylor, con-

sidered "the Dean of the nation's black preachers," was the scheduled keynote speaker at the Living Legend Banquet Friday with special music featuring soloist Lynette Hawkins Stephens of the celebrated Hawkins family.

During the month, Metropolitan also sponsored a symposium on "Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs): The Threat is Real." Participants discussed the possible impact of the pending US Supreme Court deliberations on discontinuing state and federal support for the public and private institutions of higher learning which have produced the majority of the nation's black college graduates.

The speakers, Prof. J. Clay Smith Jr., of the Howard University School of Law, and Dr. Elias Black, former president, Clark College, Atlanta, and current president, Benjamin E. Mays Center in Washington, outlined arguments presented in the court cases involving HBCUs in Mississippi and Alabama, and possibly other states. Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, pastor emeritus, Abyssinian Baptist Church, NYC, and the Dr. M.L. King Jr., Professor Emeritus, Rutgers U., (NJ) was the guest speaker on Education Sunday, February 9, at Metropolitan.

On Saturday, Feb. 15, the church scheduled a "Service of Blessing" for the marriage of District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly and Mr. Kelly (following their wedding in Boston in December) with AME Bishop Brooks conducting the ceremony. All church members and visitors were "encouraged to wear African regalia at African Heritage Sunday, Feb. 16."

Dr. Calvin S. Morris, associate professor of theology at the Howard University School of Theology, presided at a closing symposium on "Some Historical Reflections of the AME Church, Seeking to Do Ministry in Difficult Times," Sunday, Feb. 22. Hon. L. B. Monyaka, executive director, the International Monetary Fund, and Mrs. Bernice E. Mungin, first vice-president, the AME District Lay Organization, were invited Interlocutors.

The Rev. Robert H. Reid, edi-

tor, the AME Christian Recorder newspaper in Nashville, TN, was the scheduled closing speaker for the month-long observance at Metropolitan's regular 11 a.m. service, Sunday, February 23rd, followed by a reception hosted by "The Sons and Daughters of (Richard) Allen" church organization.

With a seating capacity of 2,500, Metropolitan has served as an historical worship site, but an assembly hall and rallying point for the African American community in the capital when there was no other

place to hold meeting, graduation exercises and programs.

The church's Bethel Literary Society began a historical tradition of presenting outstanding speakers over the years, including such figures as abolitionist Frederick Douglass, poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar, pioneer educator Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, historian Charles H. Wesley and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many United States presidents have worshipped or spoken from the church pulpit.

Hooks resigns

(continued from page 1)

NAACP President Hazel-Dukes, of New York, Board member Percy Sutton, of New York, Herbert Henderson, quit the board or were bounced from office; after losing a "power struggle" with Board Chairman William Gibson. The brawl reportedly centered on the issue limiting terms for NAACP officers (last year the Board voted 38-17, two thirds majority plus four, Board Chairman William Gibson smiled, to reverse a vote limiting terms of office on the board. Gibson had vigorously opposed term limits). Bond returned the dispute to an "Andy" affair. Hooks announced that he was leaving his \$132,450-a-year post, seemed to be triggered by Board chaos. However, the former Memphis, TN judge who in 1972, led the Federal Communications Commission's first Black commissioner, took pains to distance his action his from any connection with the board shakeup, and said "certain events transpired later (that day) having to do with internal board matters. They were not related to my decision to retire."

In his offices in Greenville, S.C., Dr. Gibson, a dentist, said a search committee would be formed this month, and denied that he is the cause of organizational friction. "I don't control the votes," he said, pointing out that President Dukes was beaten 34-14 by Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Louisiana, and that Bond and Henderson were also beaten in the at-large election.

However, Sutton, a wealthy New York businessman who contributes \$100,000 a year to the NAACP, was a Gibson "victim" wasn't he?

"No," said Dr. Gibson, "he quit because Hazel Dukes was defeated for office." But the knock on you, Mr. Chairman, is that you want to do it all: make policy and carry it out, isn't that true? "No it is not. This is only said by some people who resent the fact that they lost," he emphasized. Dr. Gibson, however, is looked upon by some as a stubborn official, determined to have his way, often interfering with staff prerogatives. They point to last year's Image Awards as an example where that function was taken from staff hands and given to a committee, resulting in confusion and mismanagement.

Dr. Hooks and the NAACP have suffered a barrage of criticism for not keeping up with the times. That criticism used to hurt," he confided, "until I saw who was doing the criticizing."

Hooks said: "Let me make this clear: I do not propose to spend my last year in office as lame duck executives, but will continue to address every issue that comes before us forthrightly and without fear or favor." He said he has been on leave from his church (in Memphis) for "20 years" and feels it time to return. He also said that his wife Frances, of nearly 40 years, who turns 64 this month, "is also tired," and this added to his decision to step down. Mrs. Hooks told this writer, "I have worked 18-hour days for 15 years without pay and I am tired. I need rest. We need to get away." She has labored at his side with pay or part for 20 years.

Hooks cited the many NAACP accomplishments under his stewardship, including, buying a permanent NAACP headquarters home in Baltimore, establishing the popular youth organization, ACT-50;

successfully prosecuting many, many civil rights suits; forming the NAACP's women group, WIN (Women in the NAACP); participating in scores of movements championing civil rights winning millions in settlements; and capping it all by helping to successfully shepherd the Civil Rights bill of 1957 through congress and into law, despite President Bush's often obstreperous opposition.

"I have spent 15 of the hardest years of my life as executive director of NAACP. My health right now is good, but I want to leave before I am pushing up roses. I want to do a little lecturing, writing, may I use off the law books and join a law firm, and travel." In other words, he wants to live a little, away from the onerous but necessary drudgery of fund raising and, yes, despite his denial, from board of director bickering, and internal politicking that can become malevolent among career ambitious men and women.

BLACK HERITAGE ON THIRTEEN

No Father, No Mother, No Uncle Sam

Thursday, February 27, 10 p.m.
Over 100,000 black soldiers served in Britain during World War II. This documentary investigates the mixed-race babies they fathered there, often ignored by the US government. (Encore)

American Masters:
Sarah Vaughan: The Divine One

Friday, February 28, 10 p.m.
Gifted with a voice that could have sung grand opera, yet possessing a jazz musician's powers of invention and daring, Sarah Vaughan was one of the greatest singers of jazz and popular music this country has ever known. This biographical portrait traces her four-decade career. (Encore)

Rejoicing at Second Baptist

Wednesday February 26

Blacks in the Bible Teaching Seminar, 7:30 p.m.

Friday February 28

Prophecy a drama production at State Theater in New Brunswick, 7 p.m.

Saturday February 29

9 a.m. Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry Program

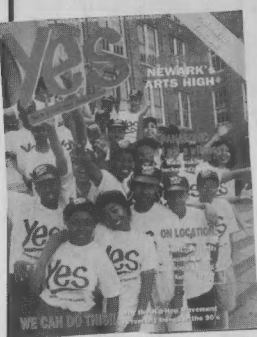
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CITY LIFE

Black History Month Events

UNTIL FEBRUARY 29
NEWARK—Alma A. Center for Contemporary Art "African American: The History of the People's Art" at the Newark Public Library through February 29. For more information call 201-753-7760.

UNTIL FEBRUARY 29
JERSEY CITY—"African Americans and the US Constitution," an exhibit of photographs from the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture will be at the Student Union Building of Jersey City State College. For more information call 201-875-1111.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Montclair State College will begin its celebration of African American History with an exhibit of portraits by Myrtle Pleasure through the 28th. The exhibit, titled "Visions of Strength: Portraits of the African American Artist," will feature 16 paintings of contemporary African American artists and their children. Gallery One on Montclair State Campus. Weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends 1 to 5 p.m. for information call 201-683-9113.

THROUGH FEBRUARY 29
NEWARK—In African paintings and sculptures will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 100 Bergen Street.

THROUGH FEBRUARY 29
EAST ORANGE—During U.S. History's Connection, Judy E. Richardson will be the guest speaker. For more information call 201-366-7000.

MAHWAH—Wayne Thomas, founder and President of the African American Role Model Foundation will speak on "The Role of the Black Male in America Today" at 6 p.m. in room SC-108 at Ramapo College. For more information call 201-864-5555.

NEWARK—The Association of Black Law Students and the Minority Student Program of Rutgers Law School Newark is sponsoring a lecture by Lennox E. Brown, Jr., "The Role of the Black Male in the New World Order." The lecture will take place at Rutgers Law School Newark 10 Washington Street from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call 201-526-5226.

NEWARK—Eddie Blackwell and his All Stars will perform a concert from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the UMDU-Community Mental Health Center gymnasium.

POCAHONTAS—"The Ensemble Theater of Newark" will present original drama, "She Who Weeps," at 7 p.m. in the medieval school's Great Hall. A gospel performance and lunch will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Lounge.

TRENTON—Trenton State College will host a Meeting of the National Council of Negro Women at the George Jackson Center at 8 p.m.

PATERSON—A panel discussion on "Educating the Black Male" will take place at the Theatre Center Community College Theater. Time is to be announced. For more information call 201-684-5555.

THROUGH FEBRUARY 29
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City's Urban Forum will feature a lecture on African History featuring Dr. Leonard Jeffries at 8 p.m. on Chatham St. 1 p.m.

MAHWAH—The Ramapo College community will test their knowledge of African American history at the College-wide Cultural Feast. Feat will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SC-219. Ramapo's Chef's Dinner will focus on "Making Black History an Everyday Event" at 5:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. at Ramapo College. For more information call 201-864-5555.

CONVENT STATION—Dr. Leonard Jeffries will speak "Looking Back to the Future: The Black Woman Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," at 7 p.m. in the College-wide Cultural Feast. Feat will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in SC-219. Ramapo's Chef's Dinner will focus on "Making Black History an Everyday Event" at 5:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. at Ramapo College. For more information call 201-864-5555.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—The movie "Jungle Fever" will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom of Montclair State College.

NEWARK—The Newark Child School Children will present a musical program 10:30 a.m. in the UMDU-Community Mental Health Center gymnasium.

WEST WINGBORO—"Friedrich Dörmann," a one-man play will be performed at 11:15 a.m. in the Keltie Theater on Mercer County Community College West Wing. For more information call 609-586-4800 ext. 550.

PARAMUS—Bergen Community College's Closing Banquet entitled, "Education 2000: Children of the Future" will take place at 6 p.m. at the college. **TRENTON**—During Trenton State College's closing ceremony, Amiri Baraka will be the featured speaker at 6 p.m. in the Bowler Student Center, Room 302.

PATERSON—The Paterson Five Public Library will conclude Black History Month with a program of poetry and music entitled, "Brown Hearts and Angry Voices: The Poet's Struggle for Revolution" at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Assembly Room. For more information call 201-684-5555.

PATERSON—"The Young People's Theater" will host an African American Festival at Paterson Community College at 6:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Call 201-684-5555.

EAST ORANGE—Upstate College will host a Fashion Show at 7 p.m. in the Chitral Chapel. For more information call 201-366-7000.

THROUGH FEBRUARY 29
JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will feature an African Dance Workshop with Jewel Love at the school located at 2020 Kennedy Boulevard. **UPPER MONTCLAIR**—African American Male and Female Relationships will be addressed by Dr. James K. Burdick, educational consultant and president of African American Image at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom of Montclair State College.

WAYNE—The month will end on a note of family unity and pride on members of SABLE, Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality will honor their parents with a talent show and presentation of gifts during GABLE Family Night at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom at William Paterson College. For more information call 201-685-8226.

NEWARK—The Student National Medical Association of UMDU-How Jersey Medical School will present an African American Fashion Show at 7 p.m. in the UMDU-Community Mental Health Center gymnasium.

KENNESAW—The Student Council and the National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring an African American Fest from 3 to 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Mason Middle School, 920 East Seventh Street.

TRENTON—Trenton State College will host a MACOP Contest at 201 Bowler Student Center, Room 302, at 7:30 p.m.

PATERSON—An Awards Dinner will be held at the Paterson County Community College Cafeteria at 7 p.m. For more information call 201-684-5555.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 29
JERSEY CITY—Herb Byrd, writer, journalist with the Associated Press and other publications, will speak on "African History for Beginners" at the Miller Branch of the library at 480 Bergen Avenue. Also, there will be a Meet the Filmmakers segment featuring Gene Cunningham, Dennis Benjamin, and the film, "Hidden Figures" will be shown. For more information call 201-547-4505.

ENGLEWOOD—"The Bergen County Afro-Caribbean Cultural Festival" will be held at the King Hall of Dwight Morrow High School at 3 p.m. For more information call 201-883-9226.

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Montclair State College is sponsoring a bus trip to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture with a trip to Sylvia's Restaurant at 10 a.m. For more information call 201-864-5555.

NEWARK—Mark Gaines, talented artist and poet will speak on "Blackness, talent and power" will speak on "Blackness, talent and power" at the Newark Public Library at 8 p.m. Call 201-753-7760.

TRENTON—Kaleidoscope Kids Explore Africa, Family workshop on African and Caribbean culture at the Wilson Center at 1 p.m. Call 609-463-7398.

GARDEN—"Get Up Get Out" a story of the African diaspora, a one-man show by Marguerite Williams at the West Wing Center at 1 p.m. Call 609-463-7398.

PATERSON—The NAACP Youth Council will host an "African Heritage Colloquy" at St. Joseph's Center. For more information call 201-742-7394.

GLASSBORO—Bobby McParrin and Vocals, vocal jazz and a cappella vocal orchestra at Glassboro State College at Wilson Center Hall. Call 609-863-7398.

Spelman Alumnae host jazz concert

NEWARK—The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College will present the Spelman College Jazz Ensemble in a benefit concert to be held on Saturday, March 14 in Newark Essex County College's Mary B. Burch Theater at 7:30 p.m.

The Spelman College Jazz Ensemble is a unique group of female vocalists and instrumentalists which has been enthusiastically received by audiences around the country. This year will be their second appearance in the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

In addition to the hip, provocative and spiritually uplifting music of the Jazz Ensemble, highlights of the upcoming evening will include the presentation of the chapter's

first "Black Classical Music Award" to world-class jazz musician Max Roach. There will also be a videotaped message from Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, Spelman's current and first black woman president.

The proceeds from the concert will benefit the chapter's scholarship fund, which provides financial assistance to New Jersey women who will attend Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

This year, the Northern New Jersey alumnae chapter gave out \$9,000 in scholarships from its various fundraising activities, including last year's Jazz Ensemble concert.

For concert tickets or more information, call 201-430-2212 or write to the chapter at PO Box 11167, South Orange, New Jersey 07077.

African American Chronicle provides Black History all year

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—When will children and adults learn about the great inventions of African Americans, such as Elijah McCoy's oiling device, or J.L. Love's pencil sharpener, or J. Standard's refrigerator? How will they know that the street letter box, or the shoe lace machine, and hundreds of other items have changed the various industries, were in fact invented by black people?

One of the places to find this vital information is in the African American Chronicle. This newspaper has many elements of an actual newspaper, such as a feature section, Living Legends, a professional section of great African Americans, an Ancient Africa section on history, a Careers section and an exciting Art section with poetry and quotes.

The 12-page newspaper will help close the gap in Black History. African American History should be taught throughout the year. The goal of the African American Chronicle is to provide the reader with relevant articles and features which will enhance more positive images and self-esteem. It will also remove damaging stereotypes and generalizations.

In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a scholarly historian, established Negro History Week. His idea has been lengthened to a month. The African American Chronicle expands it to a year.

The format, without advertising, is full of photographs and particular facts that both students and adults will cherish. The publisher is Dr. Ruth Lowe, president of Ruth Lowe Enterprises, Ltd., and former superintendent of schools in Oakland, Ca. and Chicago, Ill. She says, "This newspaper is our way of making the history of African Americans readily available to students and adults. We believe the publication, which is full of exciting material about the history, the contributions, the culture, and the struggles of African Americans, will make a significant dent in history, social studies, and reading."

The African American Chronicle will be provided in classroom sets of 30 at \$15 per set, a year's subscription being \$150. The publication is eligible under chapter 1 and other specially funded programs.

For more information contact Ruth Lowe Enterprises, Ltd., 1366 Turk Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94115.

Sweet Honey in the Rock

NEWARK—Sweet Honey in the Rock will kick off The Carter G. Woodson Foundation's fifth annual OnStage in New Jersey performing arts series on Saturday, March 7 with an 8 p.m. concert at Newark Symphony Hall. The quintet of female vocalists, based in Washington, DC, will follow with a 4 p.m. show at Red Bank Regional High School in Little River on Sunday, March 8.

Singing unaccompanied except for body and hand percussion instruments, this ensemble of African American singers has in seventeen years built a solid international reputation and following. Sweet Honey in the Rock's sound and repertoire is rooted in the tradition of African American congregational choral style and branches to embrace the blues, early twentieth century gospel, church, and the community quartet, jazz choral vocalizations and more.

The songs of "The Freedom Struggle" sung by Sweet Honey in the Rock embody the theme of this season's OnStage in New Jersey series, "American Culture Redefined: The Influence of African American Artists on Urban Culture." The women sing of being fighters, of being in love and of being women, taking their audience through a complex journey of celebration and struggle that is rooted in the history of the African American legacy.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Woodson Foundation has brought Sweet Honey in the Rock to New Jersey. The Newark concert is presented in association with Newark Symphony Hall and sponsored by the City of Newark. According to Philip Thomas, President of the Woodson Foundation, "No singing group we have ever presented electrifies an audience the way Sweet Honey does. Since the Newark performance sold out so quickly last year, we're pleased to be collaborating with the much larger Symphony Hall."

Leon Denmark, Executive Director of Newark Symphony Hall added, "These days it is difficult to bring in a group of the caliber of Sweet Honey in the Rock, without some sort of collaboration. The Woodson Foundation found the artist and we have the theater. It's a perfect match."

Sweet Honey in the Rock was founded by Bernice Johnson Reagon in 1973, when she was vocal director of the DC Black Repertoire Theater. Dr. Reagon began her work as a socially conscious artist in 1961 during the Albany, Georgia Civil Rights Movement campaign and continues her work as a solo performer, lecturer and scholar of African American community-based cultural life and history. Joining her team are vocalists Yayo Maria Barnwell, Ntanan Bolade Casel, Evelyn Harris and Aisha Kahlil.

Tickets to Sweet Honey in the Rock, and other OnStage in New Jersey performances, may be obtained by calling 201-242-8110, or in person at Newark Symphony Hall box office, 1030 Broad Street. Tickets are also available at Ticketmaster outlets.

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The observance of African-American Heritage Month serves to educate and enlighten Americans in order to develop an appreciation of the ethnic diversity of American society. However, to fully appreciate and understand the role of African Americans yesterday, today and tomorrow, we must continue to learn and teach one another the tremendous contributions of African Americans not just during the month of February but throughout the year.

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At issue...

Should college athletes be paid?

YES

Dick DeVenzio is a former Academic All-American basketball star from Duke University. He also is the author of several books on college athletics and conducts motivational seminars and seminars for student athletes. He says yes.

Should college athletes be paid?

College need not pay athletes, neither should they be permitted to prevent an athlete from accepting money freely offered by boosters, fans, or advertisers. Colleges should stick to educating students and should not restrict anyone's economic opportunities.

What effect would paying athletes have on college athletic programs?

Allowing college athletes to receive money would allow college athletic programs to be "for the side" as they now falsely claim to be.

Big-time college football and basketball programs — the ones generating millions — would be changed little. Some schools — like Vanderbilt, Northwestern and Rice — likely would drop out of major competition into lower divisions. But schools like Oklahoma, Clemson, and Michigan would remain competitive and prosper. Mismatches would disappear from schedules.

In addition, "minor sport" programs would blossom at small schools, which would choose to allocate their resources in one or a few sports where they could develop national reputations.

What impact would this have on college athletes?

If college athletes could receive money, thousands could improve their families' finances and enjoy prosperity as other talented Americans are free to do.

It's not foolish for a 21-year-old to devote himself fully to athletic excellence. With just compensation, an athlete's commitment to football could never turn out to be misguided, in case a career in the pros failed to materialize. A typical "compensation package" would likely include a fully paid-for education — good any time — which the athlete could use later.

NAACP Nets join for NBA action

EAST RUTHERFORD — The New Jersey Nets and the NAACP are joining together for an exciting evening of NBA action.

On Sunday, March 1, the Nets will battle the New York Knicks at 6 p.m. at the Meadowlands Arena. For every ticket purchased, a donation will be made by the Nets to the NAACP. For more information call Ginn Cook at the Nets Office at 201-935-8888.

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Creed C. Slack is president of the Knight Foundation. He also is a member of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, a national independent blue-ribbon commission addressing the problem of corruption in college sports. He says no.

Should college athletes be paid?

Colleges exist first and foremost to educate, not to support fan teams for the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. The Knight Commission recommends that college athletes receive credit in scholarship aid to cover their educational expenses, including spending money for the needy; to pay more than that however, would be to surrender college sports to professionals. The idea of intercollegiate athletics that the teams represent their institutions as members of the student body, not as hired hands. To give up on the student-athlete concept by putting athletes on the payroll and reducing or even eliminating their

responsibilities as students is no solution at all, but rather an unacceptable surrender to the problems of intercollegiate athletics.

What effect would paying athletes have on college athletic programs?

Few realize that only a handful of college athletic programs actually make money; the vast majority operate in the red. NCAA Division I-A Football programs for example, are permitted to award 95 full scholarships and have 12 full-time coaches. The cost of these scholarships and salaries, along with travel, equipment, insurance and facilities has risen dramatically in recent years. Revenues meanwhile, have not kept pace. Paying student-athletes would drive programs further into debt and force colleges to drop more and more sports. Fielding teams of paid professionals also could jeopardize the tax-free status of college athletic programs.

What impact would it have on college athletes?

Paying student-athletes would exacerbate the problems of college sports. The balance of athletics and academics — already precarious — would be skewed even more, as student-athletes naturally would view themselves less as students and more as professionals. The players make a few bucks for a short time, but the school would be stuck again when they are able to earn something much more valuable: an education to sustain them for the rest of their lives.

Youths and Black History

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I tell ourselves, can learn to protect others who are being pulled into the pit of self-destruction at the hands of H.E.L.L. (Hate, Evil, Lack of control, Lies), when we stand together side by side like dominoes, no one can out one down without disturbing the other dominoes, or other Africans. Instead, we've disunited our communities within our society. We need more families like the NAACP, SBE, or neighborhood associations, that'll foment the ambitions of ourselves and out predecessors in our immediate and extended African family. In turn, we can gather our resources with the help of our entire family at work!

We as Americans, use our natural resources of oil, gas, and coal to fuel machines. Therefore, there is no reason we, as African Americans, can't use our own resources to fuel the development of our African American community. We have our own universities and colleges, businesses, organizations, intellect, and talents as our resources. In other words, we can stand on our own two feet like everyone else. Of course, we've been knocked down and stripped, but we have to use our resources to get up and progress up and over the highest mountain. We possess resources that are more plentiful than oil in the Middle East, less expensive than gas, and less wasteful than coal; and the funny thing about it is that the resources

are in easy reach of all of us. We just have to look inside of ourselves. We learn History, he subject usually based upon the achievements of Europeans, in school. Well, let's commence the study of Ours! I'm not downgrading European; they've done great things in history, but so did the Africans. Our ancestors have done a great many things in history such as the traffic light, light bulb, (for which only Thomas Edison is credited), cotton gin, and other practical uses of the sciences and technologies. I would need to print volumes upon volumes of books in order to name just half of the contributions our ancestors made to the world. In fact, if one reviews his/her history books, he/she will see that African Americans practically built America. Who relied upon the Africans for mental work? Who invented practical machines like the cotton gin? Who were used to work the fields so the "white man" could eat, earn money, and live? (The Southerners fought hard for slavery, so we must have been mighty important to their livelihood!) Even some of the "greatest" men in history were saved by Africans. For instance, Phoebe Francis, a West Indian Negro, saved George Washington's life by warning him of some poisoned peas that were plotted for him to eat. How many people know this? Well, this is just another reason why we need to create our own story!

I conclude in summary with a poem:

I dream a world,
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Suited for you and me,
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